**COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITIES** 

## Mortés and Espot avoid losing the vote on Ordino's geriatric facility

The majority of the municipality changes the || Councilors Dolsa and Pàmies denounce the date of the vote to the first week of August

deficiencies in the consul major's project

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he project for the construction of the geriatric residence in Ordino that was going to be voted on last Thursday as an item of the day of the Municipal Council, was postponed for the next assembly next week on the occasion of a meeting that would have held the Executive of Xavier Espot with the majority headed by the Consul Major, Josep Angel Mortes, main promoter of the initiative. Coincidentally, this change of date coincides with the vacation period of the councilor of X'Ordino, Enric Dolsa, who leads the opposition of the project for various reasons such as, for example, the location. The councilor of X'Ordino alleged the doubts offered by this very hasty change of vote on an issue that is raising different sensitivities and debates in the Municipality of Ordino. On the other hand, the councilor of Movem Ordino, Barbara Pàmies, testified that this postponement indicates a lack of foresight and attention to detail in the project which would raise serious doubts about it.

Councilor Dolsa described last Thursday's Municipal Council as «scandalous and shameful» taking stock of a session that had to decide one of the most important issues of Ordino political current affairs, according to the councilor of X'Ordino. Dolsa was offended that five minutes before the start of the session, Consul Mortés informed him that a meeting had taken place between the Executive of Espot and the majority of the Municipality of Ordino on the occasion of postpone the point of the day that pertained to the main subject of the residence.

The councilor, after knowing about this turn of events, asked himself indignantly «what does the head of government have to do with the Ordino geriatrician?». X'Ordino's does not understand the implications of the central government,



since neither the territory in which the residence is to be built is the property of the national executive «nor the government does anything here», mentioned Dolsa in a press conference. Given these circumstances, the councilor believes that «the majority would have gone away and today in the vote that we had provoked in this room, the consul would have lost the issue of the geriatric», which would have triggered an emergency meeting in the capital to try to fix this possible failure for Mortés and in order to «calm the waters», according to Dolsa. The councilor added that the only way that both the majority of the Municipality of Ordino of Mortés and the Executive of Espot could find is «to remove this from the agenda today, and in addition, with nocturnal and treacherous, not allowing me to be there next August 4th in this room» and debate and vote on the issue of this problem. Dolsa ruled that they knew perfectly well that it would coincide with the vacation period of the councilor of X'Ordino, «despite the fact that the consul denies it, because they (the majority) already tried to set up a commission meeting» on August 2nd, coinciding al-



▶▶ The councilor of X'Ordino, Enric Dolsa, at a press conference on Thursday.

so with the counselor's vacation and take advantage of this period to make various arrangements with Dolsa's absence. The councilor added that this project, which has undergone multiple location changes, seems «very strange», and that «I don't understand the insistence, 90% of the people I talk to don't understand it. What is there that is not seen? Someone explain it to us, right? The only one who can explain it is him», -referring to consul Mortés-.

On the other hand, the counci-

lor of Movem Ordino, Barbara Pàmies, wanted to focus on the worrying last-minute maneuver of consul Mortés to postpone such an important vote. Pàmies declared that, from Movem Ordino, «we are not satisfied with the reason why (the majority) had to go to see the Government at the last minute, the afternoon before, about this issue. We thought that what was going to be done had already been thought about, considered and decided in the area of the municipality. The-

### **ENRIC DOLSA**

COUNCILOR OF X'ORDINO «What does the head of government have to do with the geriatric residence in the parish of Ordino?»

### **BARBARA PÀMIES**

COUNCILOR OF MOVEM ORDINO «We thought that it was already thought, proposed and decided. We don't quite understand this latest last-minute move»

refore, we do not fully understand this last last-minute move». Pàmies expressed her concerns about the lack of detail shown by this project, with issues such as the consequences that would have workers and residents if the company managing the center decided to leave before completing the period.  $\equiv$ 

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SOCIETY

# The purple dot (el punt lila), an effective measure at the Festivities

Positive balance for this device and first aid in Escaldes-Engordany.

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he first performance of the purple point device started this summer for the Festivities ended on Wednesday night in Escaldes-Engordany. Once the assessment of the effectiveness of this initiative was made, it was possible to confirm the need for a space of these characteristics for events, with a total of three interventions corresponding to the night from Monday to Tuesday. It was then that three girls alerted about possible substance poisoning and the protocol established by the Government was applied to them. Psychological assistance for emotional support was also carried out, but this did not require the activation of the protocol.

Despite this, and as reported by the Andorran Red Cross, it regrets having had to activate this purple point protocol, «but, unfortunately, this supports the need to be present». It should be noted that everything is a chain of work, and that the task of the nurse, the social worker and the volunteers is to inform and act on the ground with immediacy. Once this protocol has already started, that is when the action passes into the hands of the corresponding bodies, such as the Police Force or the health services, among others.

As for the first aid point, which was staffed by four volunteers, a dozen interventions were registered, seven of them due to excessive alcohol consumption that required the attention of the rescuers. The other five were due to various bruises.

It is important to highlight that



>> Volunteers from the purple point of the Escaldes-Engordany Festivities.

### The purple point

collected three interventions and a psychological assistance, as well as 12 first aid the first aid point was implemented years ago and «in several sporting and leisure events it is still valid», adding that, associated with a purple point, «it gives more security to all the people attending».

The purple point device will also be active this weekend at the festivities of Sant Julià de Lòria, as well as in August in Andorra la Vella and Encamp, at the expense of still considering extending it to other festivities in the country. ≡

#### **PARISH**



▶▶ Image of the meeting in Sant Julià de Lòria.

## Defined the actions of the maintenance plan in Sant Julià

The intention is to prevent problems in the event of episodes of heavy rain.

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Last Thursday, in Sant Julià de Lòria, the second technical meeting convened after the situation experienced in the parish following the heavy rainfall on June 29th took place. The meeting, which was attended by the Major Consul, Josep Majoral; the junior consul, Mireia Codina; councilors Rossend Duró and Cerni Cairat, and several members of the Urban Planning department and the Water and Hygiene and Public Roads services, ended with a partial x-ray of the situation and with a first established work plan.

So, the department established different points of action, such as improving the canalizations and evacuations in the Costa de Nagol area, on the Rabas-

sa road and on the Aixirivall road. In addition, there will be an impact on the collection of water in the area of Molí, Rocacorba and Verge de Canòlich, where the current grates will be replaced by others with a greater capacity to pass water. Dikes will also be built and the channeling of the two streams in the Trillà area will be improved.

As explained by the members of the Water and Hygiene and Public Way services, «about fifty grates, boxes and drains must be cleaned, in addition to the replacement of ten grates to achieve a greater draft of water», thus adding to the actions already determined by the Government.

In this way, the purpose on the part of the Municipality is to be able to have a complete x-ray of the situation of the parish in approximately 10 days, with the aim of being able to establish the necessary priorities in each of the actions to be carried out.≡

### **EUROPEAN UNION**

# Spain presents the priorities of the presidency of the Council of the EU

One of the key points is the objective of moving forward with the Association Agreement

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The priorities of the Spanish presidency of the Council of the European Union were presented by the ambassador of Spain to Andorra, Carles Pérez-Desoy, and in front of the various authorities and economic fabric of the country. Pérez-Desoy was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Imma Tor, and the Secretary of State for Relations with the European Union, Landry Riba. It should be remembered that the presentation of these priorities is an act that has been carried out since the first semester of 2021, when Portugal held the position, and aims to bring the European Union closer to Andorra's political and economic actors, as well as bring Andorran specificities closer to the country that presides over the council.

«From the Spanish presidency we are committed to promoting the negotiations of the Association Agreement of Andorra, Monaco and San Marino», indicated Pérez-Desoy, adding that the will always is «to advance as much as possible in these talks». A wish that fits with the priority of the Principality, which wants to take advantage of the presidency of the neighboring country as «a window of opportunity to advance in those more political issues of the negotiation, more taking into account the good relations between the two countries». This was stated by Tor, who also recalled that the Spanish presidency «takes place at a historic moment in relations between



### CARLES PÉREZ-DESOY

SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO ANDORRA

«Spain undertakes to promote the negotiations of the Association Agreement of Andorra, Monaco and San Marino»

### **IMMA TOR**

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

«Spain's presidency of the Council of the EU is a window of opportunity to make progress on the most political issues of the negotiation»



▶▶ Carles Pérez-Desoy, Imma Tor and Landry Riba, in the presentation.

both countries, as this year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the formal establishment of diplomatic relations». However, the Spanish ambassador also wanted to highlight that the presidency of the council has «four main lines of action»:

reindustrialize Europe and guarantee the autonomy of an open strategy; advance the ecological transition and environmental adaptation; promote greater social and economic justice, and strengthen European unity. ≡